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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO BOB GERMAN THAT HIS APARTMENT WILL BE READY FOR HIM SEPTEMBER 5. DICK COMBS WILL MEET AND ASSIST. WE HAVE NO SHOPPING REQUIREMENTS, BUT APPRECIATE THE OFFER.
2. RE STATE 216407, EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW SOONEST TYPE OF PASSPORT FSI INSTRUCTOR BORISSOW WILL BE TRAVELING ON AND TYPE OF VISA HE IS APPLYING FOR. VISA SHOULD SPECIFY ALL POINTS ON HIS ITINERARY, DR INTERNAL TRAVEL APPROVAL MAY NOT BE GUARANTEED. ALSO PLEASE CLARIFY PROPOSED DATES HE WANTS TO TEST IN KIEV.

3. RE STATE 218926, PARA 3:

A. WE AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH KEEPING THE JORP OUT OF THE DISCUSSION OF OUR OPERATIONAL NEEDS, AND WONDER IF MOVING VAN LANINGHAM INTO A REGULAR POSITION FOR HIS SECOND YEAR WOULDN'T CAUSE JUST THAT SORT OF CONFUSION OF ISSUES.

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B. MARK'S PERSPECTIVE ON CADRE-BUILDING HAS SHIFTED SLIGHTLY IN THIS LAST MONTH IN THE DIRECTION OF UPPING THE WEIGHT GIVEN TO CONTINUITY AND FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE VERSUS CADRE-BUILDING IN MAKING ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS. NOT A MAJOR CHANGE, JUST A HOPE - FDR EXAMPLE - THAT WE WOULD NOT WIPE OUT MOST OF A SECTION

IN ONE SUMMER JUST BECAUSE OF PIPELINE PROBLEMS, AND
THAT WE WILL LOOK CLOSELY AT GSO ASSIGNMENTS.

C. WE WILL PROVIDE A CONSIDERED JUDGMENT ON THE VALUE
OF EXHIBIT GUIDE SERVICE TO OUR CADRE PROGRAM LATER
ON, BUT SO FAR IT LOOKS VERY GOOD AND I WOULD URGE THAT
WE CONTINUE.

4. FURTHER TO PARA 1, DICK IS CHECKING CLEARANCE PRO-
CEDURES FOR THE DOG. (DOCUMENTATION FOR PETS REMAINS
AS DESCRIBED IN THE 1975 POST REPORT).

5. FROM PRINGLE FOR BYRNES: ELENA KUSMENKO'S FRIEND,
DR. SPEES, CAME TO THE EMBASSY WITH TAPES, LETTERS
AND PICTURES FOR HER FIANCE. SHE HAD ALSO ASKED HIM
TO CONTACT THE MOSCOW OVIR AND THE CONSULAR ADMINIS-
TRATION OF MFA. HE HAS APPARENTLY CONTACTED BALOULENKOV,
BUT HAS DECIDED, ON MY ADVICE, NOT TO TRY TO DISCUSS
MATTER AT MFA OR OVIR. I WILL TRY TO CONTACT
BALOULENKOV AND INFORM HIM ABOUT ELENA'S PLANS.

6. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR ARRIVES, PLEASE LET HIM KNOW
THE FOLLOWING SITUATION REGARDING A POSSIBLE REPRE-
SENTATION FUNCTION FOR THE PAUL TAYLOR DANCE GROUP.
THEY WILL BE IN MOSCOW OCTOBER 10 TO 15, WHEN THEY DE-
PART FOR THE U. S. THEY ARE 30 IN NUMBER AND HAVE
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\$1000 IN REPRESENTATION MONEY. FOR VARIOUS REASONS,
THE 10TH WOULD BE THE BEST TIME FOR A BUFFET RECEPTION.
THE 11TH IS THEIR FREE DAY AND THEY REFUSE EVENING
FUNCTION; THE 12TH AND 13TH ARE EVENING PERFORMANCES,
SO RECEPTION WOULD BE VERY LATE; THE 14TH THEY HAVE BOTH
MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCES, SO GROUP WOULD BE
VERY FATIGUED. LUNCHEON RECEPTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
ON SOME OF THESE DAYS. TOTAL GUEST LIST OF 200
ENVISAGED. ALL THIS MAY BE OUT OF THE QUESTION,
DEPENDING ON AMBASSADOR'S PLANS FOR RETURNING, BUT WE
WANT TO ALERT HIM AND GET HIS GUIDANCE. GARRISON

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